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Dear Jere:

This is just a brief letter to thank you and your staff for their continuing interest and often able assistance in the variety of regulatory flexibility matters in which our firm is involved.

More specifically, we have sought your guidance, and often intercession (both at the agency level and once - quite effectively - in court), on fisheries issues regulated by the Commerce Department, home health care related issues regulated by the Department of Health and Human Services, and now Clean Water Act permitting related issues regulated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. And, from our attendance at the periodic round tables that your office helpfully (and often presciently) convenes, I am able to gain some understanding of the many other matters and issues your office is handling, with its relatively small, but capable and dedicated staff. Your workload must be especially heavy now, as the Administration seeks to finalize the many significant regulatory initiatives that have been in development for years.

Your office and capable and caring staff really do provide an important forum for small businesses from around the country to seek to address the potential economic impact of regulatory initiatives and, as I know is especially important to you and your staff, ways to have these measures tailored so that they achieve statutory objectives with a reduced economic and regulatory cost.

Thank you again, and please keep up the good work.

Sincerely,


David E. Frulla